

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Protection Fire Company No. 1, city of Houston; read first time.

Mr. Williams offered the following resolution.

*"Resolved, That the House of Representatives be requested to appoint a special Committee to act in conjunction with the like Committee of the Senate, to enquire into the expediency of ascertaining the amount and character of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas, devise ways and means for its early liquidation, &c., with instructions to report by bill or otherwise."*

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Williamson the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

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Friday 10 o'clock, A. M. }  
January 7th, 1848. }

Senate met; roll called; The following Senators answered to their names.

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Burleson, Clark, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wooten; quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of citizens of Collin county which was referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of the citizens of Bonham praying the passage of a bill to incorporate said town, which on motion of Mr. Williams was referred to a special committee.

Messrs. Williams, Wooten and Bourland were appointed said committee.

Mr Clark Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary made the following reports.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
January 6th, 1848. }

*Hon. John A. Greer,*  
*President of the Senate :*

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to be entitled an act to make Robert Franklin Miller the lawful heir of Solomon Miller, and return the same to the Senate and recommend its passage.

They have also, had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the recovery of money, property or other article of value, lost or won on bets or wagers, and have directed me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be passed.

EDWARD CLARK, Chairman.

*Hon. J. A. Greer,*  
*President of the Senate :*

The Judiciary committee having considered a bill to be entitled an act to prevent Justices of the Peace and Clerks of the District and Probate Court from issuing executions for costs only, in civil actions," have instructed me to report said bill to the Senate, and recommend that it lie upon the table.

EDWARD CLARK,  
Chairman.

*Hon. J. A. Greer,*  
*President of the Senate :*

The Judiciary committee have considered the bill to amend the third section of an act providing for the transfer of records of administrators, to new counties "and have directed me to report with the original bill, the enclosed substitute, the adoption and passage of which they recommend.

EDWARD CLARK  
Chairman.



Hon. J. A. GREER,  
*President of the Senate :*

The Judiciary committee have had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act supplemental to, and explanatory of an act regulating attachments, approved January 28th, 1839, and deeming the same injudicious, direct me to report the bill back to the Senate and recommend that it be laid upon the table.

EDWARD CLARK, Chairman.

Mr. Bourland Chairman of the committee on Public Lands made the following report.

Committee Room, }  
January 7th, 1848. }

Hon. J. A. GREER,  
*President of the Senate :*

The committee on Public Lands to whom was referred a bill to be entitled on act to prohibit the boards of Land Commissioners in each county in this State from issuing certificates to any claimant whatsoever, unless the applicant or claimant shall previously thereto, have received a conditional certificate from some competent board, have considered the same and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with amendments; and recommend the passage of the same.

First amendment.

Add after the word "ones" line 9, Sec. first, the following words, "and at least three years prior to the time of application."

Second amendment.

Strike out all after "applicant" in lines 9 and 10, Sec. first and add the following words "producing to the board the original conditional certificate, or where it may have been located, a certified copy of the same, from the Clerk of the county whence it issued.

JAMES BOURLAND  
Chairman.

Mr. Burleson, Chairman of the committee on the Militia made the following report; which was read and adopted.

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
January 7th, 1848. }

Hon. J. A. GREER,  
*President of the Senate:*

The committee on the Military Affairs to whom was referred the communication of his Excellency the Governor transmitting an invitation from the citizens of Bexar, to attend the funeral obsequies of Capt. Sam. H. Walker. would report that an account of the brief interval before the time appointed for the ceremonies, it will be impracticable for the members to attend in person, but the committee beg leave to tender their grateful acknowledgements for the courtesy extended to the Legislature, and duly appreciate the desire of the citizens of San Antonio to bestow appropriate honors on the gallant dead.

EDWARD BURLESON,  
Chairman of committee  
on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Burleson the Secretary of the Senate was instructed to furnish through his Excellency the Governor to the citizens of San Antonio a copy of the report.

A message was received from the House of Representatives through its Chief Clerk, Mr. Ben. F. Hill informing the Senate that the House had passed the following Bills and Joint Resolutions, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to define more correctly the boundaries of De Witt county.

Joint Resolutions for the relief of Assessors and Collectors of Taxes.

Joint Resolutions requesting the Senators and Representatives of Texas in the Congress of the United States to protest against the relinquishment of the Mexican provinces or States conquered by, and in the possession of the United States: and also to protest against any law which shall be intended to prevent the citizens of slave holding States from taking their property with them, in emigrating to said acquired territory.



Mr. Burleson, by leave, presented the petition of James F. Johnson which was read and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to suppress gaming—read first time.

Mr. Perkins introduced a bill to be entitled an act to define the boundary lines of the county of Matagorda—read first time.

Mr. Cuny introduced a bill to be entitled an act to inhibit the introduction into this State of slaves who have committed high crimes in the States or territories of the United States or elsewhere; read first time.

Mr. Clark offered the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That with the concurrence of the House of Representatives, the two Houses of the Legislature will meet in the Representative Hall on Tuesday the 11th inst. at 11 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer and Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Adopted.

Mr. Dancy offered the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to take into consideration "an act to organize Justices Courts and to define the powers and Jurisdiction of the same" and report such amendments as they may deem necessary."

Adopted.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower certain persons therein named to inherit the estate of William Primm—read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to confer upon certain persons therein named a Sur-name—read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William Primm of Fayette county to emancipate certain persons therein named; read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the proof necessary for the heirs or legal Representatives of those who fell under the command of Fannin, Travis, Grant and Johnson to obtain their head right certificates; read second time:

And on motion of Mr. Williamson, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the salaries of District Attorneys—read second time:



And, on motion of Mr. Williamson laid on the table until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The report of the Finance committee on a bill to authorize the Comptroller to sell vacant lots in the city of Austin and tract adjoining; read second time.

And, on motion of Mr. Burleson the report together with the bill was referred to the committee on State affairs.

A bill to be entitled an act for the incorporation of the city of Laredo; read second time:

And, on motion of Mr. Phillips referred to a select committee—

Messrs. Phillips, Navarro and Daney were appointed said committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to grant a Ferry Privilege to Nancy Hutchinson; read second time and passed to a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Martin Walker—read second time, and passed to a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Protection Fire Company No. 1, City of Houston—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Brashear, referred to the committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act to require all land titles to be recorded in the county where the land lies—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Grimes, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to be entitled an act to declare the name of Beasley son of Marcelleat Dugat, and also, to legitimate said Beasley; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 6th section of an act to organize the District Courts, and to define their powers and jurisdiction—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Williamson, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to define more correctly the boundaries of De Witt county—read first time.

Joint Resolution for the relief of Assessors and Collectors of Taxes—read first time.

Joint Resolutions requesting the Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to protest against the relinquishment of the Mexican Provinces, or States, con-

quered by, and in possession of the United States; and also, to protest against any law which shall be intended to prevent the citizens of slave-holding States from taking their property with them, in emigrating to said acquired territory—read first time;

On motion of Mr. Williamson the rule was suspended—read second time and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M. }  
Jan. 8th, 1848. }

Senate met—roll called—no quorum.

The Senate adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M. }  
Jan. 10th, 1848. }

Senate met—roll called—the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bourland, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journals of Friday and Saturday were read and adopted.

Mr. Perkins, Chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, made the following report:

Committee Room, }  
Jan. 8th. 1848. }

HON. J. A. GREER,  
*President of the Senate:*

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was re-